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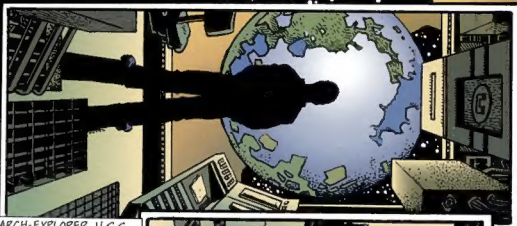
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"3-31-47--PROBABLY
THE FINAL ENTRY
IN THIS LOG.

"THE SHIP WILL BE LANDING EARLY
TOMORROW AND I MUST CONFESS
TO EXPERIENCING EQUAL PARTS
ANXIETY AND ANTICIPATION.



"THE RESEARCH-EXPLORER, U.S.S.
EMERSON HAS FOLLOWED AN
AIMLESS COURSE FOR SEVENTEEN
MONTHS.

"AS POSITED IN PREVIOUS ENTRIES,
THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE
UNFORESEEN CHANGES IN THE
WEIGHT OF CREW AND CARGO."

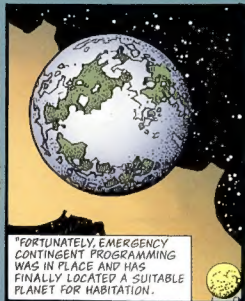




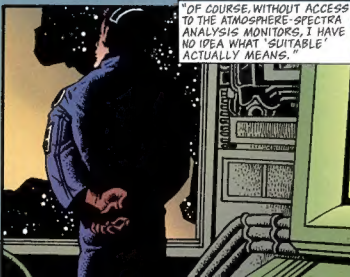
"THE SHIP'S TRAJECTORY WAS PROGRAMMED ASSUMING A RIGIDLY PLANNED GRADUAL REDUCTION IN FOOD WEIGHT."



"THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN."



"FORTUNATELY, EMERGENCY CONTINGENT PROGRAMMING WAS IN PLACE AND HAS FINALLY LOCATED A SUITABLE PLANET FOR HABITATION."



"OF COURSE, WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE ATMOSPHERE-SPECTRA ANALYSIS MONITORS, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT 'SUITABLE' ACTUALLY MEANS."

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OF COURSE, WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE ATMOSPHERE-SPECTRA ANALYSIS MONIT

"SUCH ACCESS IS,
FOR OBVIOUS REASONS,
IMPOSSIBLE.

"I AM NO CLOSER TO
KNOWING HOW THE
CONTAGION FROM THE
VIRILE RESEARCH
CENTER WAS INTRO-
DUCED TO THE SHIP'S
GENERAL POPULATION.



"SEE ENTRIES
10-19-45 THROUGH
11-5-45 FOR ALL
ESTABLISHED
DETAILS.



"WHAT *IS* CERTAIN,
MORE THAN A YEAR
LATER--



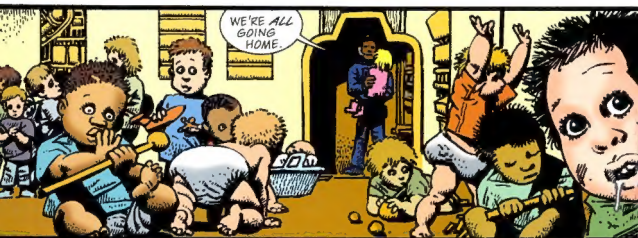
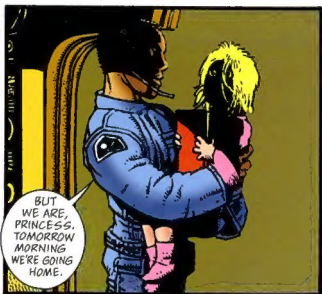
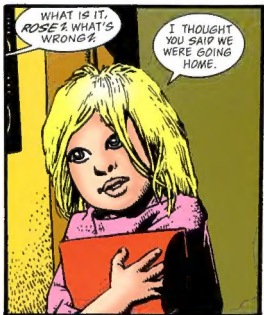
"--IS THAT THERE
ARE NO ADULT
SURVIVORS."

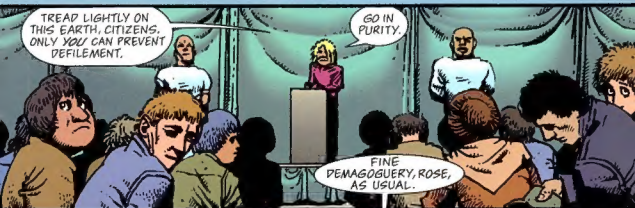
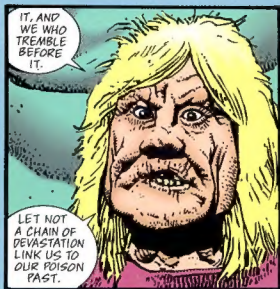
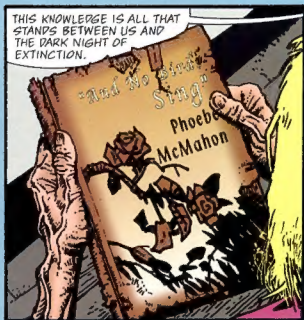


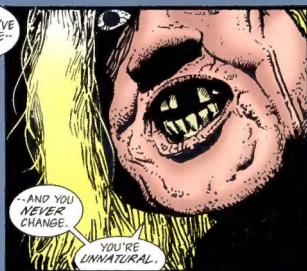
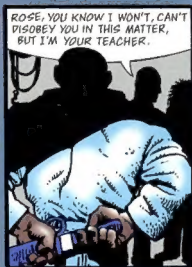
IF NOT
FOR THIS
CENTER'S
STANDARD
GUARANTINE--



DADDY %









BUT THAT
WOULD HAVE
KILLED ANYONE,
AND IT WAS
OVER A
HUNDRED..

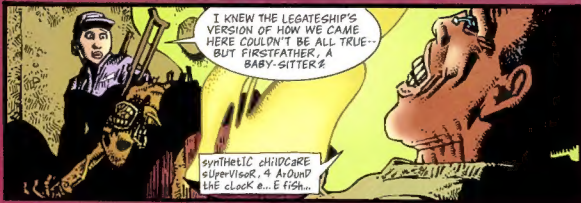


HOW CAN
YOU STILL BE
LIVING?

SYNTHETIC,
a SYNTHETIC, like
A MACHINE... U
WOULDN'T UNDER-
STAND, BUT I WAS
NOT EVER ALIVE.



AND NOW DON'T
EVEN FUNCTION
2 WELL, NOT 222
WELL.

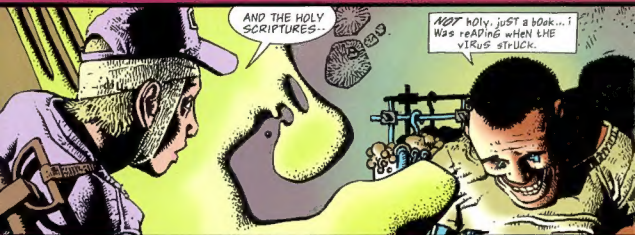


I KNEW THE LEGATESHIP'S
VERSION OF HOW WE CAME
HERE COULDN'T BE ALL TRUE--
BUT FIRSTFATHER, A
BABY-SITTER?

SYNTHETIC CHILD CARE
SUPERVISOR, 4 AROUND
THE CLOCK e... E FISH...



eYe... I CAN'T
REMEMBER THAT
WORD.



AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES--

NOT holy. just a book... i was reading when the VIRUS STRUCK.

a REPRINT OF 20TH CENTURY N... ENVY... ECHO LOGICAL WARNING.

Never liked CYBER TEXTS. liked 2 FEEL WB OF PAPER BOOK IN MY HAND.

rose liked the weight... too.

and i WASHed... wALCHed eAch NEW legB groomed.

EaCh NEW GENERATION, FIND BOY OR GIRL, find Bully. New LegALe. keep the Power. Keep the control.

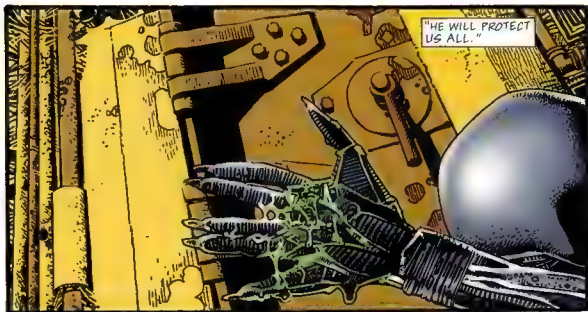


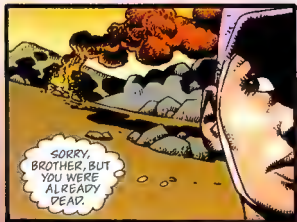
HERE YOU ARE-- WHATEVER YOU ARE-- RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, BUT HOW? HOW CAN I BELIEVE YOU?

HOW COULD THEY KEEP YOU ALIVE FOR A HUNDRED YEARS? AND WHY?

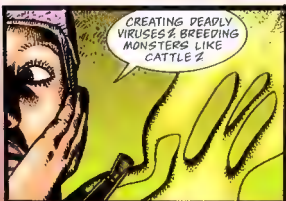


beCAUSE OF what i No... know ABOUT the crEAtUres.





SORRY,
BROTHER, BUT
YOU WERE
ALREADY
DEAD.



CREATING DEADLY
VIRUSES & BREEDING
MONSTERS LIKE
CATTLE Z



WELL, IF THAT'S
TRUE, MUIR'S RIGHT. OUR
ANCESTORS WERE
INSANE WORLD-
RAVAGERS.

muir is anything
but right.



YEAH, I GUESS SO HE
MUST BE CRAZY TOO,
LETTING ONE OF THOSE
THINGS LOOSE.

IT COULD
JUST AS EASILY
HAVE KILLED HIM.

There are Safeguards one can Take,
elements on this planet's Surface
that, combined, mimic the creature's
own fair fare... smells.

mask's human smells somewhat,
protects one... somewhat.

most effective
when burned as
Incense.

OH MY--!
YOU'RE SAYING
YOU HELPED
MUIR MAKE
THIS
STUFF?

Not mUIr. mANy, mANy
years ago, the first
time legB's used
CrEature, didn't want Z--

but was... am in no
position to resist them

THE FIRST
TIME? I CAN'T--
THIS HAS BEEN
GOING ON FOR
A HUNDRED
YEARS?

IT'S TOO MUCH,
TOO--I CAN'T BELIEVE
ALL THIS. GOT TO
THINK--SIT DOWN
AND THINK ABOUT
THIS

NO TIME!!!

THE CREATURES
LIVE AND KILL 2
SERVE A QUEEN.

A QUEEN??!

JUST LISTEN! WITHOUT QUEENS
GUIDANCE, THEY-- IT STOPS
HUNTING, RETURNS 2 WHAT IT
THINKS IS NEST-- AND THAT'S
WHERE MULR WENT-- 2 GET
NEW CREATURE... SO U LISTEN

SHAL I TELL U HOW
2 GET 2 SHIP..

..ANA WHERE WEAPON LOCKER IS--
HOW THEY WORK-- SOME WILL
STILL WORK

SHAIL TELI U HOW TO GET
INTO EGG STORAGE UNIT.

"AND I SHALL TELI U ABOUT
ONE OTHER THING."





CLEARANCE ONE-EIGHT-SIX-
EIGHT. ARLEN, SAMUEL D.,
HEAD ENGINEER ON DUTY.

COMMENCE
EMERGENCY
OVERRIDE
PROCEDURE
NOW.

SAM, WHO-
EVER YOU WERE,
I HOPE THIS
STILL WORKS.

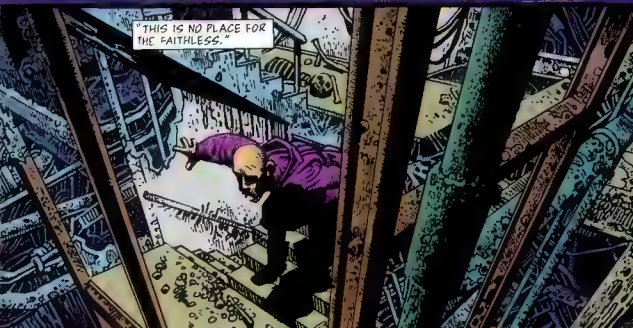


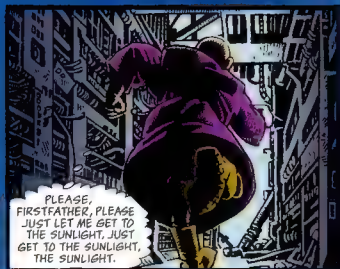
IT'S TRUE, IT'S ALL
TRUE, EVERYTHING
HE SAID AND THERE
ARE STILL NINE
MORE OF THESE
THINGS.

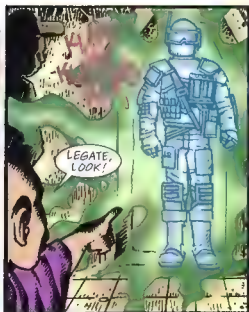


NO.
NINE
LESS







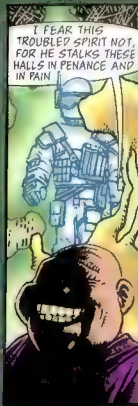




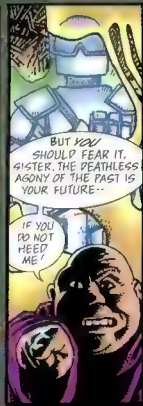
THERE! THERE
IS THE TRUTH!
SEE IT. BELIEVE
IT.



THE GHOST OF OUR
TOXIC LEGACY OF
ECD-DESTRUCTION.
AN ARROGANCE THAT
HAUNTS US TODAY.



I FEAR THIS
TROUBLED SPIRIT NOT,
FOR HE STALKS THESE
HALLS IN Penance AND
IN PAIN

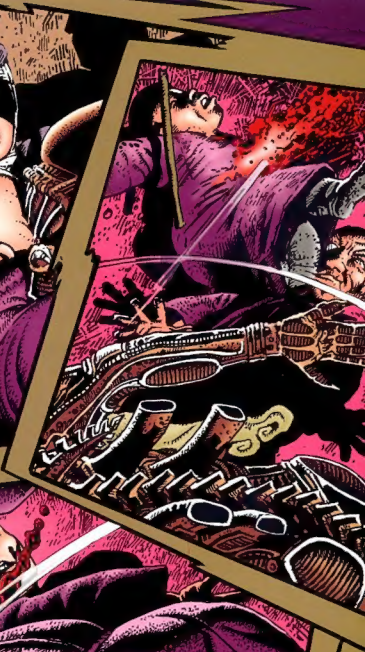


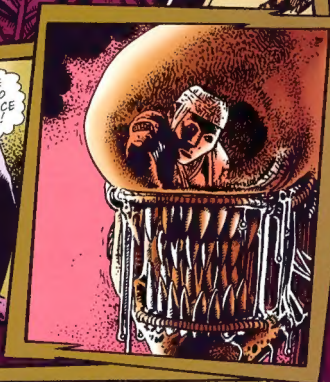
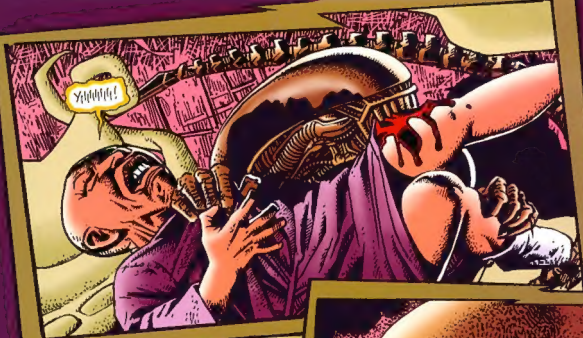
BUT YOU
SHOULD FEAR IT,
GISTER. THE DEATHLESS
AGONY OF THE PAST IS
YOUR FUTURE--

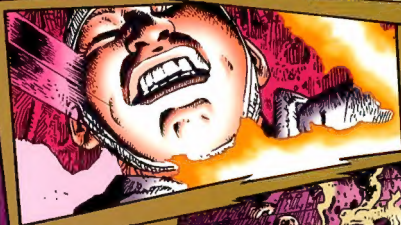
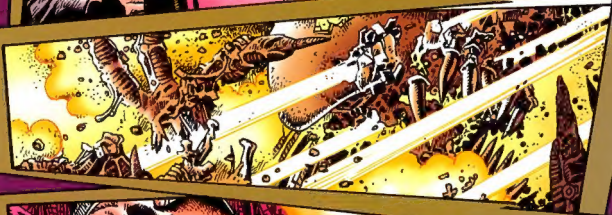
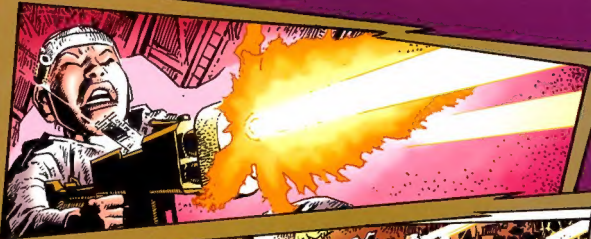
IF YOU
DO NOT
HEED
ME!



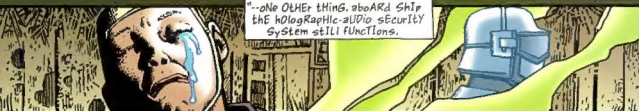
DAMNIT!







ahuhhh,
ahuhhhh,
ahuhhhhhhhh



--one OTHER thing, aBoARd SHIP
thE holoGRaphic-audio sECurITy
sYstEm sTill fUnCTions.



"Used 2 pATrOl CoRE... cORrIdors aT nIghT.
nO pOINT eXPLAInIng iT 2 U.

"muIr cALLs iT gHoST... iT's nOT bUT
u nEEd 2 kNOW aBoUT iT.



"iT cAn mAkE U thInK
thErE's sOmEOnE oR
sOmETHIng thErE--

"--WhEn
thErE's
nOTHIng."



"O what can ail thee, knight-at-arms,
Alone and paltry loitering?
The sedge has withered from the lake,
And no birds sing."
La Belle Dame Sans Merci
John Keats